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STATED MEETING, MARCH 7, 1843.

Professor ROGERS in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

- A specimen of *Posidonomia minuta*, from the New Red Sandstone of Prince Edward county, Virginia. Presented by Prof. Wm. B. Rogers, of Virginia.
- A mounted specimen of *Sciurus*——, from Western Africa. From Mr. Cassin.
- A Collection of Parasitic Worms contained in 76 phials, from Germany. Presented by Mr. William G. Burke, through Mr. Cassin.
- A Copper Apparatus of large size, intended for disinfecting zoological specimens by means of heat. Presented by a Club of Members.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

A Flora of North America. By John Torrey and Asa Gray. Vol. 2, Part III. New York and London, 1843.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Professor Rogers remarked, in reference to the fossil specimen presented this evening by his brother, that no recent contribution to our Palæontology was more interesting at this time than the discovery, by the latter, of this familiar European species, in a particular division of the New Red Sandstone of Virginia. Being an abundant and characteristic shell of the Upper New Red Sandstone of Europe, its occurrence in this country is regarded by Prof. W. B. Rogers as affording the first decisive indication of the precise date or equivalency of the extensive American formation already referred by Prof. Hitchcock, by himself and other Geologists, to the general Poikilitic or New Red Sandstone period.